



Rumer Has It—Blended Families Have Unique Estate Planning Needs

Recent headlines put one famous blended family in the spotlight when Rumer Willis and dance pro Val Chmerkovskiy won the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy on ABC's *Dancing With the Stars*. The opportunity to compete on the hugely successful show not only brought Rumer professional success and direction, but some personal triumphs as well. In *Dancing* interviews, Rumer's family openly shared how she struggled in the aftermath of her parents' divorce; so it was a sweet moment when Bruce Willis and Demi Moore came together in a strong showing of love and support for their daughter.



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The dynamics of this famous family aren't all that uncommon today. Bruce and Demi were married for 13 years and had three daughters together; Rumer is 26 years old, Scout is 23 and Tallulah is 21. The two divorced in 1998. Bruce married Emma Heming in 2009 and has two daughters; Mabel is 3 years old and Evelyn is 1. Bruce's first three daughters were all grown up before their half-sisters were even born; certainly Bruce has some important issues to contemplate when it comes to his estate plan. *Perhaps you have a blended family?* [Click here](#) to read the entire article.

Upcoming Events

♦ August 8- The Warren Center's High Tea at Chocolate Angel Richardson

Join Tresi for a delicious event, supporting a wonderful cause: The Warren Center supports children with development delays from infancy through age five. [Click here](#) to register.

♦ August 22- The Scottish Rite hosts "CP for Life 2015"

The Alyssa V. Phillips Foundation presents a Cerebral Palsy education conference. [Click here](#) for all the details.

♦ August 27- Family Legal Documents 101 Workshop

Join the Weeks Law Firm for a free workshop to learn what legal documents you need to protect your family. Featured topics include: Wills and Trusts, Powers of Attorney and Healthcare Directives, Updating Beneficiary Designation, and Probate Process in Texas. [Click here](#) to save your spot at this luncheon.



A Change Would Do You Good: Top 10 Reasons to Update Your Estate Plan

If you're reading this article, then you likely have an [estate plan](#) – hopefully a really good one. You may be tempted to stop reading now and dismiss the notion of updating, because, how far off could your current plan be from what you want? If it was good five years ago, it should be good now – right? Not necessarily. Take a look at our top ten reasons why your estate plan may need an update. [Click here](#) to read the full list.

1) Marriage

Think: Potential Tax Benefits, [Powers of Attorney](#), and Beneficiary Designations

2) Birth or Adoption of a Child (or Children)

Think: [Trust\(s\)](#), College Savings, and Guardianship Designations

3) Death of a Spouse or Close Family Member

Think: Beneficiary Designations, Incorporating Inheritance into Estate Plan

Highlights

♦ June 15-17- Washington, D.C. Trip

A few weeks ago I traveled to Washington, D.C. to educate legislative staff about the Murphy Bill, a mental health bill in which some provisions as drafted would have a detrimental effect on many Texans with mental illness. I was asked to go since I am chair of the mental health advisory committee for Disability Rights Texas, the protection and advocacy organization for Texans with disabilities. [Click here](#) to read about Tresi's trip.

♦ July 21- Lunchtime Workshop

Tresi presented "Family Legal Documents 101" while attendees enjoyed complimentary refreshments. Topics included: Wills & Trusts, Powers of Attorney and Healthcare Directives, Updating Beneficiary Designations, and Probate Process in Texas.

♦ July 25- Stonebriar Community Church: Women's Summer Escape

During an afternoon workshop, Tresi presented "Leaving a Loving Legacy Financially," guiding attendees through the essential legal documents one needs to leave a legacy of godly planning and wise stewardship. Along with Tresi's workshop, participants enjoyed breakfast and lunch and other fine speakers.

Keep Calm and College-Bound On

You've circled Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond several times now, trying to gather up all the dorm essentials. You've gone over the first semester's schedule, reviewed good safety guidelines, and bought all the high-priced books necessary for success. What's more...you're preparing for that tough goodbye, determined you'll keep it together and save any tears for the ride home — whether it's a five minute drive, or a plane trip across the country. Your child is beginning a new and exciting chapter in his or her life, and you couldn't be more proud.

For 18 years, you've been the voice and advocate for your child legally, medically, financially, academically — all of it. So it may come as a surprise to learn that when your child turns 18 and graduates high school, *you've lost all legal authority as a parent*. Sure, you may be anticipating this outcome when it comes to everyday matters, but have you thought about the implications for not-so-everyday matters? [Click here](#) to read the full article.



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